

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**PHOTO:** The Directors of The Woodlands Township for 2012 – 2013 are, from left, Mike Bass; Ed Robb, Secretary; Peggy Hausman, Vice Chairman; Bruce Tough, Chairman; Nelda Luce Blair; Jeff Long; and Gordy Bunch, Treasurer.

## The Woodlands Township seats new directors and recognizes retiring directors

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (May 30, 2012) –The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held a special Board meeting, Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., to recognize retiring directors, seat new directors and elect officers.

Mike Bass, Gordy Bunch, Jeff Long and Ed Robb were sworn into office today to serve two-year terms after each won their elections on May 12, 2012. Also at the meeting, the Board Directors elected their officers for June 2012 through May 2013: Bruce Tough, Chairman of the Board; Peggy Hausman, Vice Chairman of the Board; Gordy Bunch, Treasurer; and Ed Robb, Secretary.

**Mr. Mike Bass**, a native Texan, was elected to Position 2 on the Township Board. Mr. Bass has lived in The Woodlands with his wife Georgie since 2008. They have raised two sons who also live in The Woodlands with their families. Before moving to The Woodlands, they lived in the Clear Lake area where Mr. Bass served in various appointed and elected positions for his city including president of Economic Development Corporation, city council member overseeing the economic development, financial functions and road improvement program and chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He also formed and chaired the resident committee charged with building a community pool.



Mr. Richard "Gordy" Bunch, elected to Position 1 on The Woodlands Township Board, is a decorated U.S. Coast Guard veteran, a nominee for Entrepreneur of the Year in Houston; and founder, president, and CEO of The Woodlands Financial Group "TWFG." He and his wife Michelle and their three young boys have been residents of The Woodlands since 1995. The Bunch family attends The Woodlands United Methodist Church and supports or contributes to the American Heart Association, MS150 bike ride, South Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Interfaith of The Woodlands, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Coulson Tough Elementary School, South Montgomery County YMCA volunteer Coach, Texas Rush Volunteer Coach and Ironman Texas.

**Mr. Jeff Long,** elected to Position 3 on The Woodlands Township Board, is an engineer who came to The Woodlands from California. Mr. Long is retired from municipal government and public works. He has volunteered on other community organizations and committees including The Woodlands Community Association Board of Directors where he served as president, the Design Standards Committee, Joint Ad Hoc Cost Recovery Committee and Election Committee.

**Dr. Ed Robb**, reelected to Position 4, has been a resident of The Woodlands since 1978. He is the founding pastor of The Woodlands United Methodist Church, one of the fastest-growing churches in America and holds an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Asbury College. He has served The Woodlands on a number of boards, including the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, Interfaith of The Woodlands, the South County YMCA, and is a past chairman of The Woodlands Township.

The Woodlands Township also honored three retiring directors at the meeting: Mr. Tom Campbell, Mr. Claude Hunter and Mr. Lloyd Matthews.

**Mr. Tom Campbell** served on The Woodlands Township Board from 2008 until 2012. Mr. Campbell served on the boards of directors of other local organizations including The Woodlands Community Associations and Municipal Utility District #36. Mr. Campbell, a retired engineer, has lived in The Woodlands since 1978 with his wife Margaret.

Mr. Claude Hunter served on The Woodlands Township Board since its inception in 2008. During his tenure, he served as Secretary of the Board and on the Governance, Legislative Activity and Law Enforcement committees. Extremely active in the community, Mr. Hunter has served on boards of directors of many organizations including The Woodlands Convention & Visitors Bureau, The Woodlands Fire Department, The Woodlands Association, The Woodlands Recreation Center, Municipal Utility District #67 and The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency. Mr. Hunter has lived in The Woodlands with his wife Peggy since 1997.

Mr. Lloyd Matthews served on The Woodlands Township Board since its inception in 2008. During his tenure, he served as Vice Chairman of the Board and on many committees including Governance Steering, The Woodlands Decides, Joint Legislative Action Law Enforcement, Election and Budget. An active member of the community, Mr. Matthews has served as a director on The Woodlands Convention & Visitors Bureau, South County Fourth of July Committee, The Woodlands Association and the Lake Woodlands Property Owner's Association boards of directors. Mr. Matthews has









lived in The Woodlands since 1998 with his wife Peg.

The Woodlands Township Board discussed the following items:

- Approved the forms of the Oaths of Office, Official Bonds and Statements of Elected/Appointed
  Officers for newly elected Directors of The Woodlands Township;
- Administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Directors of The Woodlands Township;
- Elected Officers for the Board of Directors for The Woodlands Township;
- Presented to retiring Directors of The Woodlands Township;
- Appointed newly elected Directors to The Woodlands Township Economic Development Zone Board of Directors;

Immediately following the special Township Board meeting, the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township Economic Development Zone held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 1:45 p.m.

The Woodlands Township Economic Development Zone Board discussed the following items:

- Approved the forms of the Oaths of Office, Official Bonds and Statements of Elected/Appointed
  Officers for newly appointed Directors of The Woodlands Township Economic Development
  Zone;
- Administered the Oaths of Office to newly appointed Directors of The Woodlands Township Economic Development Zone;
- Elected Officers for the Board of Directors for The Woodlands Township Economic Development Zone;
- Approved the minutes of the February 16, 2012 Special meeting of The Woodlands Township Economic Development Zone;
- Approved the financials;
- Adopted an order establishing a records management program and designating a records management officer;

Please check the Board Meeting Information page (<a href="http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/index.aspx?NID=585">http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/index.aspx?NID=585</a>) for links to agendas, minutes, public meeting documents, videos, reports and summaries of meetings.

For more information on The Woodlands Township, please call 281-210-3800 or visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.



## PHOTO:

From left, Ed Robb, Mike Bass, Gordy Bunch and Jeff Long are sworn in to their two-year terms as directors of The Woodlands Township by Judge Fred Edwards at a special Township meeting on May 30, 2012.

